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8. (Amended) The clamp of claim 1, wherein each grasping portion is disposed closer to the free end than the rear end up to about 80 percent of the distance from the rear end to the free end and comprises a single portion integrally formed with at least the arms of the clamp.

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12. (Amended) An umbilical cord clamp comprising:  
a pair of arms each having a length in a generally V-shaped configuration having rear end portions joined together at the apex thereof and having free forward end portions normally disposed in spaced-apart relation and being movable towards each other for clamping an umbilical cord between the arms;  
a channel that extends substantially along the length of at least one arm and is open at the free end portion thereof to facilitate the escape of fluid therefrom when the clamp is closed; and  
a locking portion for securing the arms together when the clamp is closed.

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17. (Amended) An umbilical cord clamp comprising:  
a pair of arms each having a length in a generally V-shaped configuration having rear end portions joined together at the apex thereof and having free forward end portions normally disposed in spaced-apart relation and being movable towards each other for clamping an umbilical cord between the arms;  
identification means comprising a gender-identifying color associated with a portion of the clamp to facilitate identification of the gender of the baby; and  
a locking portion for securing the arms together when the clamp is closed.

18. (Amended) The clamp of claim 17, wherein the gender-identifying color includes blue for a boy and pink for a girl.

19. (Amended) The clamp of claim 17, wherein the entire clamp comprises one or more shades of the color.

20. (Amended) The clamp of claim 17, wherein the color is visibly imbued within or painted upon the clamp.

21. (Amended) The clamp of claim 17, wherein the identification means further comprises an alpha-numeric indicia, security apparatus, or a bar code to inhibit or prevent unauthorized removal of the baby from a pre-defined area.

22. (Amended) The clamp of claim 18, wherein a portion of the clamp is blue and the remainder is a neutral color for a boy and a portion of the clamp is pink and the remainder is a neutral color for a girl.

23. (Amended) A method of identifying the gender of a newborn baby which comprises applying the clamp of claim 17 and visually analyzing the identification means to determine the gender of the baby.

24. (Amended) A method of identifying a newborn baby which comprises applying the clamp of claim 21 and analyzing the identification means to determine the mother of the newborn so as to minimize the chance of misidentification of the baby or the mother thereof.

25. (Amended) A method of inhibiting or preventing unauthorized removal of a newborn baby from a pre-defined area which comprises applying the clamp of claim 21; analyzing the identification means to determine at least the date and time of birth of the baby; and permitting only an authorized person to remove the baby from the pre-defined area.

#### REMARKS

Claims 1-25, as amended, are pending for the Examiner's review and consideration. The specification has been amended to clarify that, in one embodiment, the thumb wing grasping portion is distinct from the flared portion that is present on conventional umbilical cord clamps. This is clearly illustrated and supported in FIGS. 2-3. Claim 1 has been amended to recite a preferred embodiment where there is a flared portion at the end of each arm and where the grasping portion that is disposed on each arm is distinct from the flared portion (See FIGS. 1-3). Claim 8 has been amended to recite a preferred embodiment wherein the grasping portion on is disposed on each arm from the mid-point up to about 80 percent of the distance from the rear end to the free end. (See, e.g., Specification at page 6, lines 17-20). Claim 12 has been amended to recite that any channel present in one or both